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BANA Position Papers, Fact Sheets, and Guidelines Available

The Braille Authority of North America (BANA) has recently posted a new fact sheet, *Size and Spacing of Braille*, on its website at http://www.brailleauthority.org. This fact sheet is available as a web page and in electronic files suitable for downloading into print and braille.

Size and Spacing of Braille includes standards for braille embossed on paper as well as standards for braille signage. It has been provided to assist those seeking information about the technical aspects of the production of braille in either capacity.

Other position papers, fact sheets, and guidelines are also available on the BANA website. Additional papers include:

Position Papers

- A Braillist's Pledge of Professional Ethics
- The Use of the Braille Slate and Stylus
- Capitalization Style for the Word "braille"
- Braille is NOT a Language
- Terminology: Contracted and Uncontracted Braille

Fact Sheets

- BANA's Braille Unification Efforts
- Eight-dot Braille
- Size and Spacing of Braille

Guidelines

- Guidelines for Brailling Business Cards
- Promising Practices for the Transcription of Textbooks for Grades K-3
- Guidelines for the Production of Braille Materials Through the Use of Braille Production Software

The mission and purpose of the Braille Authority of North America are to assure literacy for tactile readers through the standardization of braille and/or tactile graphics. BANA promotes and facilitates the use, teaching, and production of braille. It publishes rules, interprets and renders opinions pertaining to braille in all existing codes. It deals with codes now in existence or to be developed in the future, in collaboration with other countries using English braille. In exercising its function and authority, BANA considers the effects of its decisions on other existing braille codes and formats; the ease of production by various methods; and acceptability to readers.

For additional resource information, visit www.brailleauthority.org